

2014 Policy Partner Forum

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North Platte, NE



AQUESTT
for Nebraska

Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow

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Holiday Inn Express | North Platte, NE
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- 4:30 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education
Molly O'Holleran, State Board of Education
- 4:45 p.m. Overview of Agenda
Freida Lange, Administrator,
Accreditation and School Improvement
- 5:00 p.m. Small Group Table Activity
Review and discuss highlights of A QuESTT
- 5:30 p.m. Small Group Table Activity
Review and discuss A QuESTT tenets and
key areas of investment for the state
- Generate and record group ideas and opinions
 - Identify one key idea for each recommendation
to report to large group
 - Record key ideas
- 6:00 p.m. Working Dinner
Continue Group Discussion
- 6:30 p.m. Large Group Discussion and Report Out
- 7:20 p.m. Closing Remarks
Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education
Molly O'Holleran, State Board of Education

Key Questions

- 1) The State Board has established A QuESTT as a framework for a next generation accountability system to be developed and phased in over time. It begins with the implementation of the Quality Education Accountability Act revised by the Nebraska Legislature (LB 438) that will rely on data collections available for the 2014-15 school year including student participation and performance data on statewide assessments and graduation rate.

Should future versions of the accountability system be expanded to include other indicators of a quality education system?

- 2) A QuESTT includes six tenets for a quality educational system in Nebraska.

Do these tenets represent the key areas of investment to allow students and educators to be successful?

Should there be others?

- 3) How can we best unite state, district, community, and business efforts to advance the mission of excellence for all educational systems, resulting in learning, earning, and living for all Nebraskans?

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Thank you for coming!